

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
June 11, 2003

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2003-0167,
CERTIFICATION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
REGARDING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
OF SPECIFIED DISCHARGES OF WASTES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT OF
GROUNDWATER CONTAINING VOLATILE ORGANIC
COMPOUNDS (*Julie Chan*)

PURPOSE: Consider adoption of Tentative Resolution No. R9-2003-0167.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice of this item was published in the agenda for the
June 11, 2003 meeting of the Regional Board. This satisfies the
requirement of the State Government Code section 11125 for a
10 day notice. Additionally, a public notice of this item was
published in the Orange County Register and Riverside Press
Enterprise on May 6, 2003, and in the San Diego Union Tribune
on May 7, 2003 in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines
for a 20 day notice (CCR Title 14, section 15072).

DISCUSSION: In prescribing general waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for
a category of discharges of waste associated with the cleanup and
abatement of groundwater containing volatile organic
compounds (VOC), the Regional Board investigated the
potential environmental impacts of these discharges. The types
of discharges investigated included the discharge to land of
treated groundwater, and in-situ use of various remediation
chemicals.

On March 28, 2002, the Regional Board issued a Notice of
Preparation of an Environmental Initial Study for issuance of
general WDRs for the discharges described above. A scoping
meeting for the project was held at the Regional Board offices on
April 12, 2002. Based on the environmental initial study and
comments received at the scoping meeting, the Regional Board
concluded that the environmental impacts of the proposed
project would be less than significant. A Negative Declaration
was prepared for the project and circulated through the State
Clearinghouse (SCH# 2001111027). Written comments on the
Negative Declaration were not received.

General WDRs for the discharge of treated groundwater from VOC cleanup sites to land are proposed in Tentative Order No. R9-2003-0111 (Item 7 of this agenda). To comply with CEQA, adoption of the Negative Declaration by the Regional Board must precede the adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2003-0111. Proposed General WDRs for the in-situ use of remediation chemicals will be prepared for consideration by the Regional Board at a future meeting.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2003-0167.
2. Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study.
3. Notice of Preparation, Environmental Initial Study.
4. Letter dated July 2, 2002, acknowledging compliance with the State Clearinghouse review requirements.
5. Public Notice and proofs of publication.

RECOMMENDATION: Regional Board staff recommends adoption of Tentative Resolution No. R9-2003-0167.